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Linn Energy, Government N #002 Battery

CLOSURE REPORT

API No. 30-025-23122

1RP-3551

Unit Letter N, Section 19, Township 20 South, Range 34 East

APPROVED

By OCD; Dr. Oberding at 1:06 pm, Apr 08, 2015

March 26, 2015

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Government N #002 Battery

1 INTRODUCTION

Linn Energy (Linn) has retained Diversified Field Service, Inc. (DFSI) to address environmental issues for the site detailed herein.

The site is located south of Maljamar, NM, in Lea County. The leak site resulted from the dumps not operating on the heater. A C-141 (Appendix I) was submitted to the NMOCD on March 02, 2015.

2 SITE ACTIVITIES

On March 05, 2015 DFSI personnel delineated vertically in the leak area. Field samples were taken on three sample points, each sample was tested for chloride levels as well as BTEX. The BTEX samples were performed using a Mini Rae Photoionization Detector (PID). All clean field samples were taken to Cardinal Labs of Hobbs to obtain confirmation samples. The results are attached (Appendix V).

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DFSI personnel returned to the site on March 24, 2015, to backfill the excavated area with fresh caliche. The area was also compacted and returned to its normal state. Photographs are attached (Appendix II).

3 CONCLUSION

According to the U.S. Geological Survey and the NM Office of the State Engineer, there were no records of groundwater in the immediate vicinity, however depth to groundwater in the area averages greater than 240'bgs indicating no potential threat to groundwater or life forms.

Appendix I

INITIAL FORM C-141

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Form C-141
Revised August 8, 2011

Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

Release Notification and Corrective Action

OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company	Linn Operating Inc.	Contact	E.L. Gonzales
Address	2130 W Bender Blvd Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No.	575-738-1739
Facility Name	Government N #002 Battery	Facility Type	Battery
Surface Owner	Federal	Mineral Owner	API No. 30-025-23122

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter	Section	Township	Range	Feet from the	North/South Line	Feet from the	East/West Line	County
N	19	20S	34E	590	South	1913	West	Lea

Latitude 32.552971798298 Longitude -103.601948239229

NATURE OF RELEASE

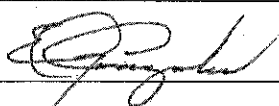
Type of Release	Oil	Volume of Release	15 bbls	Volume Recovered	13 bbls
Source of Release	Heater	Date and Hour of Occurrence	02/28/2015	Date and Hour of Discovery	02/28/2015 10:30am
Was Immediate Notice Given?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom?	Aaron Hickert		
By Whom?	Date and Hour				
Was a Watercourse Reached?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse.			

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.*

Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.* Arriving at location at 10:30, I noticed that oil had spilled out of gas line and onto ground and a little on tank. There was only gas coming out of line at that time. The pressure of heater was 30psi and both dumps were not operating. I opened the kimray 1/2 turn to try and release pressure on heater. Pressure dropped down to about 2 psi.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.* Oil was in firewall at battery. Had vac truck suck up any standing fluid and return to tank.

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Signature: 	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION		
Printed Name: E.L. Gonzales	Approved by Environmental Specialist:		
Title: Production Supervisor	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:	
E-mail Address: elgonzales@linenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 03/02/2015	Phone: 505-504-8002		

* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Spill Release Form

Guidelines for Industry Safe forms: - Follow notes in column C

- Yellow fields are required

- Attach this form as a .xlsx attachment when entering into Industry Safe

Basic Information

Lease Operator Name	Kyle Norton	
Supervisor's Name	Bob Akin	
Supervisor's Title	Foreman	
Date of Incident	2/28/2015	
Time of Incident	10:30 AM	If time is unknown, enter time incident was discovered
Incident Type	Spill / Release	select from drop-down
Company	Linn Energy	
Region	Houston	
Area	Hobbs	select from drop-down
Department	Production	select from drop-down
Latitude		
Longitude		
Was a Vehicle Involved?	no	Y/N - If Y, complete Vehicle Involved tab
Was an employee or directly supervised contractor injured?	no	Y/N - If Y, complete Employee Injury tab
Was a Non-Employee Injured?	no	Y/N - If Y, complete Non-Employee Injury tab
Property Damage?	no	Y/N

Incident Details

Reported to: Name	Aaron Hickett	Select a name from EHS5
Date Reported	2/28/2015	
State	New Mexico	
Specific Location	Government N #2 BTRY, SEA SW-4 SEC.19-T20S-R34E, LEA COUNTY, NM	
Description of Incident	NMNMD550543 arriving at location at 10:30, I noticed that oil had spilled out of gas line and onto ground and a little on tank. There was only gas coming out of line at that time. The pressure of heater was 30psi and both dumps were not operating. I opened the kimrey 1/2 turn to try and release pressure on heater, pressure dropped down to	enter facility name or specific directions

Additional Information

Estimated Property Damage		
Identify Emergency Responders		
Was a drug or alcohol test performed?		Y/N
Witness Information		

Incident Details

Spill/Release Type	Land	select from drop-down
Inside Containment	YES	Y/N
Clean Up Description	Oil was in firewall at battery. Had vac truck suck up any standing fluid and return to tank	
Substance 1 Released	crude oil	select from drop-down
Substance 1 Volume (Barrels)	15	
Substance 1 Recovered (Barrels)	13	
Substance 2 Released		select from drop-down
Substance 2 Volume (Barrels)		
Substance 2 Recovered (Barrels)		
Agency Reporting Log		
Agency Report Required	Yes	Y/N - select Y only if spill exceeds reportable quantity, otherwise select N

Incident Analysis

Estimated Cleanup / Lost Product Cost	800	
Equipment Type	Heater	select from drop-down
Specific Cause	Act of God	select from drop-down
Weather Conditions	cold with temperature in the upper 20's	
Slick Present	no	Y/N

[end of form]

Appendix II

SITE PHOTOS

Linn Energy, Government N #002 Battery

Unit Letter N, Section 19, T20S R34



Sign marking location 10/26/13



Spill location with sample point



Spill Location with sample point



Excavating spill area



Excavating spill area



Excavated area



Excavated Area



Backfilled area, closure pic



Backfilled area, closure pic



Backfilled area, closure pic

Appendix III

SITE MAP

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Site Diagram

Linn, Government #2 Battery
UL/N, Sec. 19 T20S R34E
Lea County, NM
Drafted By: Lance Crenshaw, 3-10-15

0 0.0025 0.005 0.01 Miles

Legend



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Types


-  Electrical Box
-  Power Pole
-  Headers
-  Injection
-  Pumpjacks
-  Tanks
-  Valves
-  Other
-  Soil Bores
-  sample_pts
-  Source

Pipeline





Type

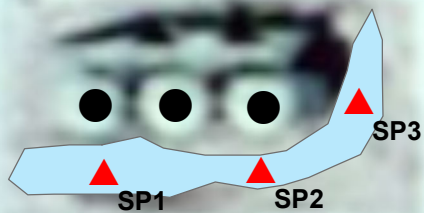
-  Above Ground Line
-  Buried Line

Spill

-  <all other values>

Spill_Media

-  Oil and Produced H2O
-  Oil
-  Other
-  Produced Water



Spill Area:
469 sq. ft.

Lance Crenshaw
 GIS Technician

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 Environmental Assessments
 Regulatory Compliance



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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

Appendix IV

LABORATORY ANALYSES

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March 10, 2015

BOB AKEN

LINN ENERGY

RR1, BOX 24 B

KINGFISHER, OK 73750

RE: GOVERNMENT N #2 BATTERY

Enclosed are the results of analyses for samples received by the laboratory on 03/05/15 13:56.

Cardinal Laboratories is accredited through Texas NELAP under certificate number T104704398-13-5. Accreditation applies to drinking water, non-potable water and solid and chemical materials. All accredited analytes are denoted by an asterisk (*). For a complete list of accredited analytes and matrices visit the TCEQ website at www.tceq.texas.gov/field/qa/lab_accred_certif.html.

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Method EPA 524.4	Regulated VOCs (V1, V2, V3)

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This report meets NELAP requirements and is made up of a cover page, analytical results, and a copy of the original chain-of-custody. If you have any questions concerning this report, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Celey D. Keene

Lab Director/Quality Manager

Analytical Results For:

LINN ENERGY
 BOB AKEN
 RR1, BOX 24 B
 KINGFISHER OK, 73750
 Fax To: (405) 375-6693

Received:	03/05/2015	Sampling Date:	03/05/2015
Reported:	03/10/2015	Sampling Type:	Soil
Project Name:	GOVERNMENT N #2 BATTERY	Sampling Condition:	** (See Notes)
Project Number:	NOT GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Celey D. Keene
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

Sample ID: SP1 @ 4' (H500613-01)

BTX 8021B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: ms					
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Benzene*	<0.050	0.050	03/09/2015	ND	1.96	97.8	2.00	10.5	
Toluene*	<0.050	0.050	03/09/2015	ND	1.84	91.9	2.00	6.52	
Ethylbenzene*	<0.050	0.050	03/09/2015	ND	2.09	105	2.00	7.91	
Total Xylenes*	<0.150	0.150	03/09/2015	ND	5.64	94.0	6.00	9.81	
Total BTX	<0.300	0.300	03/09/2015	ND					

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PID) 116 % 61-154

Chloride, SM4500Cl-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP					
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	<16.0	16.0	03/09/2015	ND	400	100	400	3.92	

TPH 8015M		mg/kg		Analyzed By: MS					
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
GRO C6-C10	<10.0	10.0	03/06/2015	ND	188	94.0	200	1.83	
DRO >C10-C28	<10.0	10.0	03/06/2015	ND	196	98.2	200	1.27	

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane 85.2 % 47.2-157

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane 91.2 % 52.1-176

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Project Number:	NOT GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Celey D. Keene
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

Sample ID: SP2 @ 4' (H500613-02)

BTEx 8021B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: ms						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
Benzene*	<0.050	0.050	03/09/2015	ND	1.96	97.8	2.00	10.5		
Toluene*	<0.050	0.050	03/09/2015	ND	1.84	91.9	2.00	6.52		
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Total BTEx	<0.300	0.300	03/09/2015	ND						

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PID) 116 % 61-154

Chloride, SM4500CI-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP						
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier	
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Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctane 82.7 % 47.2-157

Surrogate: 1-Chlorooctadecane 90.0 % 52.1-176

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Project Number:	NOT GIVEN	Sample Received By:	Celey D. Keene
Project Location:	NOT GIVEN		

Sample ID: SP3 @ 5' (H500613-03)

BTX 8021B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: ms					
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Benzene*	<0.050	0.050	03/09/2015	ND	1.96	97.8	2.00	10.5	
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Total BTX	<0.300	0.300	03/09/2015	ND					

Surrogate: 4-Bromofluorobenzene (PID) 115 % 61-154

Chloride, SM4500CI-B		mg/kg		Analyzed By: AP					
Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Analyzed	Method Blank	BS	% Recovery	True Value QC	RPD	Qualifier
Chloride	<16.0	16.0	03/09/2015	ND	400	100	400	3.92	

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Notes and Definitions

ND	Analyte NOT DETECTED at or above the reporting limit
RPD	Relative Percent Difference
**	Samples not received at proper temperature of 6°C or below.
***	Insufficient time to reach temperature.
-	Chloride by SM4500Cl-B does not require samples be received at or below 6°C Samples reported on an as received basis (wet) unless otherwise noted on report

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Appendix V

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Signature: 	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION		
Printed Name: E.L. Gonzales	Approved by Environmental Specialist:		
Title: Production Supervisor	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:	
E-mail Address: elgonzales@linenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:		Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 03/30/2015 Phone: 505-504-8002			

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